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SUBJECT: Child Passenger Safety Week, February 12-18, 2006 (Change 1)

1. The Army is joining with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the Ad Council and others this year to promote Child Passenger Safety Week, February 12-18. The primary goal this year is to remind all parents and other adults responsible for children traveling in motor vehicles to follow the NHTSA recommendation that children from about age four to at least age eight should be in booster seats, unless they are at least 4 feet 9 inches tall. Those children weighing between 20 and 40 pounds should be in forward-facing child safety seats or convertible child safety seats. Children from birth to at least age one and at least twenty pounds should be in rear-facing infant seats. Also, all children age 12 or under should ride in the back seat.

2. Every Soldier, Department of the Army civilian, contractor employee, and their families are valued members of the Army team. I ask all Commanders and leaders to help promote the well-being of child passengers by widest dissemination of this message.

3. According to NHTSA, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for ages three through 33, with only an estimated 10 to 20 percent of children ages four to eight using booster seats. Children ages four to eight who use booster seats are 59 percent less likely to be injured in a car crash than children who are restrained only by a safety belt. Studies demonstrate a strong correlation between drivers using safety belts and children being properly restrained. Ninety-two percent of children who were transported by belted drivers were restrained compared to only 62 percent of the children transported by unbelted drivers. Set the example. Protect yourself and your family and friends. Buckle up!

4. Use of child safety seats is required on DoD installations, and more and more states are passing laws requiring child restraints. Contact your installation Provost Marshal or Safety Office for local policies regarding use of child safety seats. For information on state requirements visit www.saferoads.org and for more information about Child Passenger Safety Week and the proper use of booster seats visit www.boosterseat.gov.

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TIME TO ENSURE
THE SAFETY OF
OUR CHILDREN
THEY ARE OUR
FUTURE !

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